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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments, filed on 01/30/2009 with respect to claims 1-20 in the remarks, have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection necessitated by the new limitations added to claims 1, 11 and 13-17. See the rejection below of claims 1, 11 and 13-17 for relevant citations found in Oshima disclosing the newly added limitations.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-3, 5-7 and 11-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Oshima (U.S. 6,463,300), (hereinafter Oshima).

Regarding claims 1 and 17, Oshima discloses a method of transparently configuring a mobile device in a mobile communications network with the mobile device's module respective configuration data (=SIM card stores an IMSI number and a PIN number; and the CPU collates a PIN number stored in the SIM card with a secret number inputted by a user of the mobile station 10, see col. 7, lines 25-30) the method comprising:

determining whether a first identity module coupled to a mobile device is different from a second identity module previously coupled to the mobile device (= mobile station 10 identifies whether or not the inserted SIM card 26 is equal to the previously inserted SIM card 26, see col. 7, lines 35-37 and Fig. 6; whereby the Sim card 26 is being associated with the “first identity module” and the previous Sim card is also being associated with the “second identity module”);

searching entries in a data structure for first configuration data (= IMSI, PIN and telephone number a short dial data; and controller obtain data from the inserted card and make judgment, see col.6, lines 35-48; and col. 7, lines 25-35) associated with the first identity module in response to determining the first identity module is different from the second identity module, (= various data storing in the SIM card 26 that are stored in the memory section 25 of the mobile station 10, is use to compare with the obtained data so as to judge whether the obtained data is the same as previously stored data in the mobile station 10, see col. 6, lines 28-41); and

wherein said data structure (memory section 25, see Fig. 2) has a plurality of entries comprising configuration data for corresponding plurality of identity modules that can be coupled to said mobile device, (= network access depends on whether an IC card attached to the mobile terminal differ from a previously inserted card, see col. 3, lines 29-36 and storing section 252 stores address and corresponding data, the controller reads data from the storing section to determine whether SIM card 26 has been exchanged from the mobile terminal, see col. 7, lines 35-62, which inherently

suggest the mobile terminal could store plurality of IC cards data for subsequent data comparison); and

wherein the configuration data comprises network access information allowing the mobile device to operate in the mobile communications network using the first identity module without need for externally programming the mobile device with the network access information, (= Sim card 26 stores an International Mobile Subscriber Identity, IMSI; see col. 7, lines 25-35; i.e. the IMSI is an identity for GSM and UMTS networks. Furthermore, the mobile station access the communication service network when data stored on the Sim card is equal to data stored in the memory section of the mobile phone, see col. 6, lines 21-55); and

configuring the mobile device to use the first configuration data, when said first configuration data is present in an entry of the data structure (= when the controller 21 recognizes that the detachable SIM card is not exchanged, the mobile station 10 could connect to the network after going through steps 11-14, see col. 9, lines 54-59 and col. 10, lines 31-46),

Regarding claims 2 and 18, Oshima discloses the method of claims 1 and 17, further comprising:

prompting entry of the first configuration data, when the first configuration data is not present in an entry of the data structure (= controller requests a user to input a secret number if the inserted SIM card 26 is different from the previously inserted SIM card 26, see col. 6, lines 42-48).

Regarding claims 3 and 19, Oshima discloses the method of claims 2 and 18, further comprising:

storing the first configuration data in a first entry in the data structure, in response to receiving said first configuration data (= data and at least one pair of address are stored in the sim card 26, see col. 6, lines 21-41).

Regarding claims 5 and 20, Oshima discloses the method of claims 1 and 17, wherein the data structure is stored in a memory module (= SIM card 26 stores IMSI number, a PIN number, a telephone of a subscriber, and a short dial data registered by user, see col. 7, lines 25-30).

Regarding claim 6, Oshima discloses the method of claim 1, wherein the data structure is stored in the mobile device (= various data stored on sim card are store in the memory section 25 of the mobile station 10, see, col. 6, lines 21-41).

Regarding claim 7, as recited in claim 1, Oshima discloses that the data structure is stored in a communications network component accessible by the mobile device (see, col. 6, lines 21-41).

Regarding claim 11, Oshima discloses a method of transparently configuring a mobile device coupled to a new identity module with the mobile device's module respective configuration data (=SIM card stores an IMSI number and a PIN number; and the CPU

collates a PIN number stored in the SIM card with a secret number inputted by a user of the mobile station 10, see col. 7, lines 25-30) , the method comprising:

detecting a new identity module coupled to the mobile device after the first identity module (= mobile station 10 identifies whether or not the inserted SIM card 26 is equal to the previously inserted SIM card 26, see col. 7, lines 35-37 and Fig. 6; whereby the Sim card 26 is being associated with the “first identity module” and the previous Sim card is also being associated with the “second identity module”);

searching entries in a data structure (= IMSI, PIN and telephone number a short dial data, and controller obtain data from the inserted card and make judgment, see col.6, lines 35-48; and col. 7, lines 25-35) for a first entry comprising network access information associated with the new identity module in response to detecting the new identity module is different from the first identity; see Fig. 4A, steps S01-03 and col. 6, lines 21-51; and mobile station 10 identifies whether or not the inserted SIM card 26 is equal to the previously inserted SIM card 26, see col. 7, lines 35-37 and Fig. 6);

wherein said data structure (memory section 25, see Fig. 2) has a plurality of entries comprising network access information for corresponding plurality of identity modules that can be coupled to said mobile device, (= network access depends on whether an IC card attached to the mobile terminal differ from a previously inserted card, see col. 3, lines 29-36 and storing section 252 stores address and corresponding data, the controller reads data from the storing section to determine whether SIM card 26 has been exchanged from the mobile terminal, see col. 7, lines 35-62; which

inherently suggest the mobile terminal could store plurality of IC cards data for subsequent data comparison);

wherein the network access information in the first entry allows the mobile device to operate in the mobile communications network using the new identity module without need for externally programming the mobile device with the network access information (= Sim card 26 stores an International Mobile Subscriber Identity, IMSI; see col. 7, lines 25-35; i.e. the IMSI is an identity for GSM and UMTS networks. Furthermore, the mobile station access the communication service network when data stored on the Sim card is equal to data stored in the memory section of the mobile phone, see col. 6, lines 21-55); and

configuring the mobile device according to the network access information in the first entry(= Sim card 26 stores an International Mobile Subscriber Identity, IMSI; see col. 7, lines 25-35; i.e. the IMSI is an identity for GSM and UMTS networks. Furthermore, the mobile station access the communication service network when data stored on the Sim card is equal to data stored in the memory section of the mobile phone, see col. 6, lines 21-55).

Regarding claim 12, as cited in claim 11, Oshima discloses the method, wherein the data structure accommodates multiple entries for storing multiple network access information corresponding to multiple identity modules configured for coupling with the mobile device (see col. 6, lines 21-55).

Regarding claim 13, as recited in claim 11, Oshima discloses that detecting comprises: identifying the new identity module based on a first unique value embedded in the new identity module; and comparing said first unique value with a second unique value embedded in the first mobile identity module to detect if said first and new unique values match (=using data storing in section 252 to comparing if the inserted card is the same as the previous inserted Sim card 26, see col. 6, lines 21-55).

Regarding claim 14, Okkonen further teaches the method of claim 13, further comprising: determining that the new identity module is different from the first identity module, when the first and second unique values do not match (= inserted Sim card 26 and comparing secret number, see col. 6, lines 21-55).

Regarding claims 15 and 16, Oshima discloses the method of claim 13, wherein the first unique value is a serial number and a network ID associated with the new identity module (= Sim card 26 stores an International Mobile Subscriber Identity, IMSI; see col. 7, lines 25-35; i.e. the IMSI is an identity for GSM and UMTS networks).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

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The factual inquiries set forth in *Graham v. John Deere Co.*, 383 U.S. 1, 148 USPQ 459 (1966), that are applied for establishing a background for determining obviousness under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) are summarized as follows:

1. Determining the scope and contents of the prior art.
2. Ascertaining the differences between the prior art and the claims at issue.
3. Resolving the level of ordinary skill in the pertinent art.
4. Considering objective evidence present in the application indicating obviousness or nonobviousness.

Claims 4 and 8-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Oshima in view of Lee (U.S. 20040195313 A1), (hereinafter Lee).

Regarding claim 4, as recited in claim 3, Oshima fails to teach storing a reference to the first identity module in a second entry in the data structure, wherein the first entry is associated with the second entry, such that when the first identity module is recoupled to the mobile device after being removed, the reference in the second entry is used to access the first configuration data stored in the first entry.

Lee teaches storing a reference (= newly system network set-up information, see Par [0011]) to the first identity module in a second entry in the data structure, wherein the first entry is associated with the second entry, such that when the first identity module is recoupled to the mobile device after being removed, the reference in the second entry is used to access the first configuration data stored in the first entry (newly system network set-up information, is received, stored, compared to the existing data and update the difference, see Par [0011] and Fig. 4).

It would therefore have been obvious to one of the ordinary skill in the art combine the teaching of Lee into the system of Oshima for the benefit of achieving a

system whereby network set-up information for a mobile station could be obtained through a service provider.

Regarding claim 8, Oshima, as modified by Lee, further discloses the method the method of claim 4, wherein the data structure is in a table format with entries that associate at least one identity module with respective configuration data for said at least one identity module (see Fig 3 and col. 7, lines 35-45).

Regarding claims 9 and 10, as recited in claim 1, Oshima fails to teach that first configuration data comprises mobile communication network access point name (APN) and a wireless application protocol internet protocol.

Lee teaches the first configuration data comprises mobile communication network access point name (APN) and a wireless application protocol Internet protocol (WAP IP) address (network set-up information includes Wireless application Protocol (WAP) gateway address, and a WAP access point name, see Par. [0024] and Fig. 4).

It would therefore have been obvious to one of the ordinary skill in the art to combine the teaching of Lee into the system of Oshima for the benefit of achieving a system whereby network set-up information for a mobile station could be obtained through a service provider.

CONCLUSION

Examiner's Note: Examiner has cited particular columns and line numbers in the references applied to the claims above for the convenience of the applicant. Although the specified citations are representative of the teachings of the art and are applied to specific limitations within the individual claim, other passages and figures may apply as well. It is respectfully requested from the applicant in preparing responses, to fully consider the references in entirety as potentially teaching all or part of the claimed invention, as well as the context of the passage as taught by the prior art or disclosed by the Examiner. SEE MPEP 2141.02 [R-5] VI. PRIOR ART MUST BE CONSIDERED IN ITS ENTIRETY, INCLUDING DISCLOSURES THAT TEACH AWAY FROM THE CLAIMS: A prior art reference must be considered in its entirety, i.e., as a whole, including portion sthat would lead away from the claimed invention. W.L. Gore & Associates, Inc. v. Garlock, Inc., 721 F.2d 1540, 220 USPQ 303 (Fed. Cir. 1983), cert. denied, 469 U.S. 851 (1984) In re Fulton, 391 F.3d 1195, 1201, 73 USPQ2d 1141, 1146 (Fed. Cir. 2004). >See also MPEP §2123.

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within

TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kwasi Karikari whose telephone number is 571-272-8566. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (8 am - 4pm).

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